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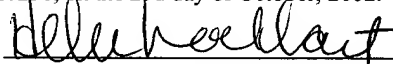
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated April 23, 2002, Applicants hereby request entry of the following election. A Five (5) Month Extension of Time to and including October 23, 2002 is hereby requested. A check in the amount of \$1,960.00 to cover the extension fee is enclosed.

ELECTION

Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, claims 23, 27, 28, and 32-35 drawn to heparinase III and derivatives of, classified in class 435 subclass 232. (Lyase; EC 4.2.2.8)

REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants have elected to prosecute Group I with traverse. The traversal is made on the grounds that a search and examination of all of the

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presented claims would not require an undue burden of searching. Having made this election, Applicants expressly reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications on the subject matter of the nonelected claims.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'H. Lockhart', written over a horizontal line.

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